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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF REMAINS OF DEAD SAIGON MARINE

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1. WE AGREE FRENCH EMBASSY SAIGON WOULD BE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL. RATHER THAN RAISING SUBJECT THROUGH MILITARY ATTACHES IN BANGKOK, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US THIS MUST BE INITIATED WITH GOF IN PARIS. WE ASSUME ATTACHE IN BANGKOK WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS IN ANY EVENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EMBASSY PARIS RAISE SUBJECT WITH GOF AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL, TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF FRENCH MISSION IN SAIGON IN DETERMINING PRESENT LOCATION OF THE REMAINS OF THE TWO MARINES, AND IN ATTEMPT-
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ING TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR RETURN TO US CONTROL. FRENCH

EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMED US THEIR EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE NEW AUTHORITIES, BUT WE HOPE THEY MIGHT UNDERTAKE THIS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT ON AN INFORMAL GOOD OFFICES BASIS. IF FRENCH ARE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE REMAINS, PERHAPS THEY COULD BE TRANSPORTED FROM SAIGON ON AN INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS OR OTHER HUMANITARIAN AGENCY FLIGHT IF AND WHEN SUCH FLIGHTS GET UNDERWAY. KISSINGER

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